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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Akihide SHIBATA et al. Conf.: 3184

Appl. No.: 09/440,624 Group: 2615

Filed: November 16, 1999 Examiner: H. Long

For: ELECTRONIC CAMERA

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October 5, 2004

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This amendment includes:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.